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US Congress completed action July/9 Joint Resolution (S.J. 111) authorizing

and requesting President issue proclamation designating third week July as
 QUOTE Captive Nations Week UNQUOTE and inviting people US observe such week
 with appropriate ceremonies and activities. Resolution further authorizes
 and requests President issue QUOTE similar proclamation each year until such
 time as freedom and independence shall have been achieved for all the captive
 nations of the world. UNQUOTE

Senate Foreign Relations Committee did not formally seek Department's
 comments resolution prior Senate passage July 6. Later, while resolution
 before House, Department indicated in response informal inquiry from House

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officials that while Department supported resolution principle it wished to see amendment fifth paragraph substituting general phrase QUOTE Soviet-dominated nations UNQUOTE for existing language which listed by specific name not only countries usually identified as captive nations but also Communist-controlled parts of certain divided countries (East Germany, mainland China, North Korea, North Vietnam) and certain constituent parts of USSR (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Ukraine, Chechnya, Turkmenistan etc.). Resolution was passed however without such amendment.

Subsequent passage resolution, Department in replying letter from Baker Bureau again affirmed support for resolution in principle but noted it would have preferred from foreign relations standpoint general reference to Soviet-dominated nations instead of specific listing since it is not policy US to expose and seek promote national independence constituent republics USSR. Pursuant request Budget Bureau Department prepared and submitted draft Presidential proclamation which refers in appropriate context only QUOTE Soviet-dominated nations UNQUOTE rather than individual countries and political entities listed in resolution.

If, as anticipated, proclamation approved and issued by President, Acting Secretary has been requested receive ACEN delegation July 20 who wish call and present flag or other appropriate symbol in observance Captive Nations Week. Believe is very useful in order focus attention on 9 ACEN countries which we have consistently identified as captive nations.

Department has noted Soviet press attack on joint resolution and fully aware timing and content resolution as well as issuance proclamation may introduce discordant note your current Geneva meeting and for Vice President in forthcoming visit Soviet Union. In view unanimous support accorded resolution both Senate and House it was clearly incumbent upon Department follow through on matter. While Soviets may

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focus on resolution and proclamation as propaganda target, US action will provide effective lift for morale Eastern European emigres and encouragement aspirations Eastern European peoples at this juncture.

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